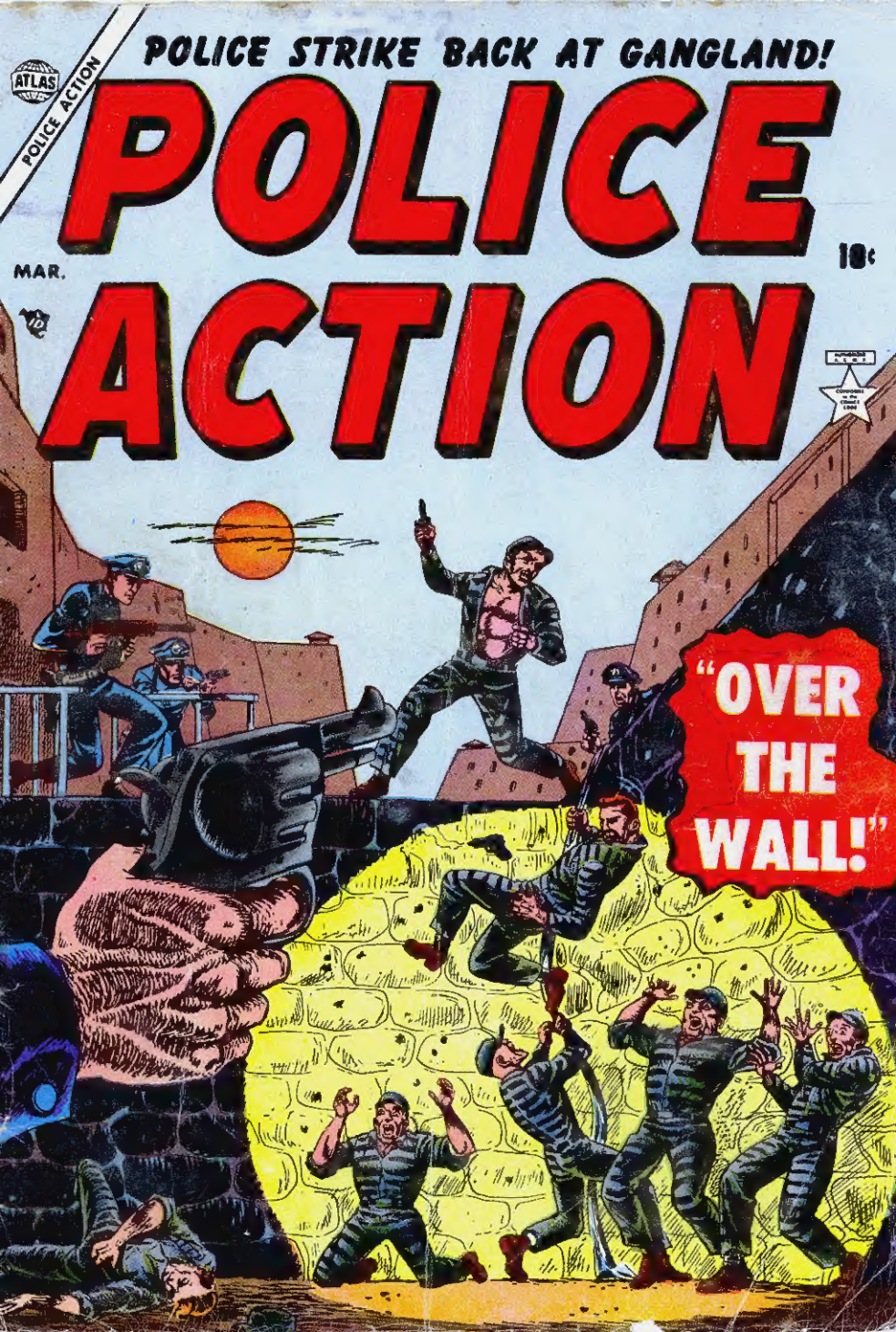
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THE FUGITIVE!

BETTER COME OUT, MARTIN! I'M GIVING YOU FIVE MINUTES...THEN WE'RE COMING IN AFTER YOU!
BANG
BAM
BANG
HOTEL
JOHN FORTE
THE STREET WAS ROPED OFF...AND WITHIN THE CONFINED AREA OF WEST 39TH STREET, IN NEW YORK CITY, POLICE SPOTLIGHTS PLAYED OF THE FRONT OF AN OLD, RUN-DOWN HOTEL! WITHIN THAT SOOT-BLACKENED BUILDING HUDDLED A MAD-DOG KILLER!
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"I'M PETE BISHOP! I REMEMBER LENNIE MARTIN WELL, FOR WE GREW UP IN THE SAME, TOUGH, WEST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD...SOMEHOW I KNEW EVEN THEN, LENNIE WAS HEADING FOR TROUBLE!"

"HE WAS THE BULLY-BOY OF 9TH AVENUE..."

"THAT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING FOR LENNIE! AS HE GREW OLDER, I USED TO SEE HIM HANGING AROUND TOUGH TONY BLACK, WHO RAN THE RACKETS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD..."

WHATCHA WANT, KID? YOU'RE ALWAYS HANGIN' AROUND LIKE MY OWN SHADOW!
GIMME A BREAK, TONY! I WANNA WORK FOR YA AN' GET INTO THE BIG TIME!

"TONY WAS ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR YOUNG PUNKS WHO WOULD USE THEIR FISTS ON HIS BEHALF, SO HE ADDED LENNIE TO HIS SQUAD!"
WORK HIM OVER GOOD, LENNIE! NEXT TIME HE'LL PAY UP HIS PROTECTION DUES WITHOUT A SQUAWK!
"LENNIE GOT HIS SMALL CUT, BUT HIS EYES MUST'VE BULGED WHEN HE SAW THE ROLL TONY KEPT FOR HIMSELF! LENNIE LOOKED AND LEARNED ...AND GOT AMBITIOUS!"
"LENNIE TRIED TO RUN HIS OWN PROTECTION RACKET WITH THE CLEANING AND DYEING SHOPS IN WASHINGTON HEIGHTS! I WAS THERE WHEN MR. OWENS CAME INTO HEADQUARTERS..."
YOU'VE GOT TO ARREST HIM AND LOCK HIM UP! IF I HAVE TO PAY HIM OFF, MY BUSINESS WILL BE RUINED! HE CALLS HIMSELF LENNIE MARTIN!
"LENNIE HAD A BAD TEMPER, AND WHEN HE HEARD ABOUT OWENS' VISIT TO THE POLICE, HE WAITED FOR HIM ONE NIGHT OUTSIDE HIS HOUSE!"
OHHHH!
BANG! BANG! BANG!
"LENNIE MARTIN HAD SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED A MAN! WE HAD ORDERS TO BRING HIM IN...AND THE MANHUNT WAS ON!"
IF YOU HAVE TO SHOOT TO KILL, DON'T WASTE A SECOND TRYING TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND ABOUT IT! THIS MAN IS DANGEROUS!
"MY REGULAR BEAT WAS OUR OLD NEIGHBORHOOD AROUND 9TH AVENUE! I HAD A FEELING LENNIE MIGHT RETURN TO HIS OLD HAUNTS TO HIDE OUT..."
SEEN LENNIE MARTIN AROUND LATELY?
NOPE! HE AIN'T BEEN AROUND IN MONTHS!
HAVE YOU SEEN LENNIE MARTIN, MR. CHASE?
NOT LATELY, OFFICER! HE USED TO EAT HERE PRETTY OFTEN, UNTIL HE MOVED UPTOWN!
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JOSIE MARTIN WAS LENNIE'S ONLY LIVING RELATIVE! I WENT TO SEE HER...

N-NO, PETE...LENNIE NEVER COMES HERE ANY MORE!

"I THOUGHT JOSIE LOOKED WORRIED BECAUSE SHE WAS ASHAMED OF HER BROTHER! BUT I FOUND OUT LATER THAT HE HAD BEEN HIDING IN THE NEXT ROOM WHILE I QUESTIONED JOSIE..."

GOOD THING YA KEPT YOUR MOUTH SHUT! I HAD MY GUN POINTED AT HIS HEART! KINDA SWEET ON HIM, AIN'TCHA?

HE'S A BETTER MAN THAN ***YOU'LL EVER*** BE, YOU CHEAP HOOD!

SHUT UP! AN' IF I EVER HEAR YA TALKIN' TO THE COP AGAIN, YA'LL GET WHAT THE GINK UPTOWN GOT!

SMAP

"JOSIE HAD LIED TO ME BECAUSE SHE KNEW LENNIE HAD HIS GUN READY AND I WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE! BUT A FEW DAYS LATER, WHEN I MET HER ON THE STREET..."

HE WAS HIDING IN MY PLACE, BUT HE'S GONE NOW! I DON'T KNOW WHERE!

THANKS FOR TELLING ME, JOSIE! YOUR BROTHER'S A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE! HE'S DANGEROUS! YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THE POLICE CATCH UP WITH HIM... AND HE TRIES TO SHOOT IT OUT?

EAT

JOE'S

I-I KNOW! AND IF ***YOU'RE*** THE ONE, PETE ...I WON'T BLAME YOU!

THANKS, JOSIE!

LAUNDRY

"LENNIE HAD TO GET A STAKE SOMEHOW, IF HE WAS EVER TO GET FAR AWAY! THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, HIS ACTIVITIES WERE RECORDED IN POLICE FILES! THERE WAS THE HOLDUP OF THE CORNER DRUG STORE..."

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PRESCRIPTIONS

"THE DRUGGIST TRIED TO REACH FOR A GUN BEHIND THE COUNTER..."

I WARNED YA!

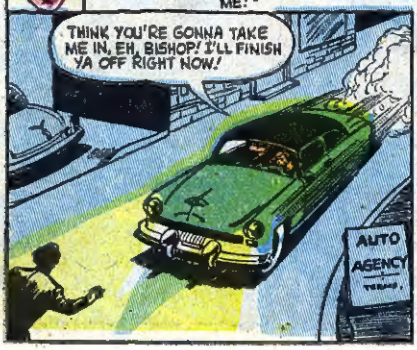
"THEN HE HELD UP THE PAYMASTER OF A SMALL FACTORY..."

"A CAR AGENCY WAS LENNIE'S NEXT VICTIM! APPARENTLY HE HAD ENOUGH MONEY NOW, AND NEEDED A CAR FOR HIS GETAWAY FROM THE CITY..."

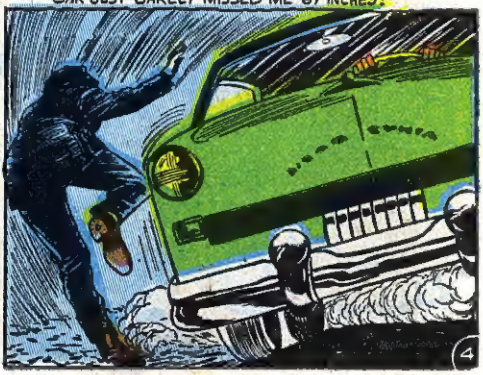
"THE MANAGER SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO STRUGGLE WITH A MAD KILLER HOLDING A LOADED GUN!"

"FINALLY, LENNIE REACHED THE LOWEST POINT A MAN CAN FALL TO... THE MAD-DOG KILLER MURDERED A MAN IN COLD BLOOD!"

"THAT'S THE CLOSEST I GOT TO THE FUGITIVE.' THE SHOTS BROUGHT ME ON THE RUN, AND WHEN LENNIE SAW ME COMING, HE DROVE STRAIGHT FOR ME!"



"I SAW DEATH RACING TOWARD ME ON FOUR WHEELS, WITH A MAD KILLER IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT! I JUMPED ASIDE... THE CAR JUST BARELY MISSED ME BY INCHES!"



"I BLASTED AWAY AT THE SEDAN, BUT IT WAS GOING TOO FAST FOR ANY OF THE BULLETS TO FIND LENNIE'S ROTTEN BODY!"

BANG!

"I WASTED NO TIME IN CALLING HEADQUARTERS..."

ANOTHER KILLING BY MARTIN, CHIEF! GARAGE MAN ON 9TH AVENUE! HE'S TRYING TO GET AWAY IN A GREEN SEDAN... STILL IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD!

"MINUTES LATER, POLICE CARS CONVERGED ON THE AREA! THEY SPOTTED LENNIE AND THE GREEN SEDAN ON 39TH STREET..."

THAT'S HIM! CUT HIM OFF! WE'VE GOT HIM TRAPPED FOR SURE NOW!

"LENNIE TOOK A DESPERATE CHANCE AND RACED FROM THE SEDAN WITH HIS GUN BLAZING, AS HE HEADED FOR THE OLD HOTEL..."

YA'LL NEVER GET ME, COPPERS! LENNIE MARTIN AIN'T GONNA FRY IN THE CHAIR!

BANG

HE MUST BE LOADED WITH AMMUNITION, CHIEF! HE'S STILL SHOOTING AT US TO KEEP US AWAY! WHAT DO WE DO NOW

NOW? WE GO IN AFTER HIM!

BANG

HE'S IN ROOM 38! LET'S GO! HURRY... HE'S GOT OUR RANGE!

HOTEL

NEVER MIND THE ELEVATOR! UP THESE STAIRS TO THE THIRD FLOOR... HURRY!

LET *ME* GO FIRST, CHIEF! I'VE GOT A PERSONAL SCORE TO SETTLE WITH HIM! HE TRIED TO RUN ME DOWN!

CAREFUL! HE'LL BE BLASTING THIS WAY IN A SECOND!
CRASH
TURN AROUND THIS WAY, LENNIE! THROW AWAY YOUR GUN! YOU'RE FINISHED!
YOU AGAIN! THIS TIME I'LL DO THE JOB RIGHT!
BAM
AHHHHHH!
THE PEOPLE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD CAN BREATHE EASIER NOW!
BANG BANG BANG
GOOD WORK, BISHOP! I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET A SPECIAL COMMENDATION FOR THIS FROM THE COMMISSIONER! BUT FIRST, WE'D BETTER GET YOUR SHOULDER PATCHED UP WHERE HE NICKED YOU!
I'M OKAY, CHIEF!
"YES, JOSIE AND I WERE MARRIED THREE WEEKS BEFORE WE FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH THE MAD-DOG KILLER!"
OH, PETE! ARE Y-YOU ALL RIGHT?
YES, JOSIE! I'M SORRY I HAD TO BE THE ONE TO DO THIS!
"IT WAS THE HARDEST JOB I EVER HAD TO DO...AND I WAS GLAD JOSIE UNDERSTOOD THAT IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ANY OTHER WAY!"
IT WAS YOUR DUTY, PETE! HE MIGHT HAVE KILLED YOU! I DO UNDERSTAND, DARLING!
IT'S OVER, JOSIE! I'LL TAKE YOU HOME NOW!
"AND THAT'S HOW LENNIE MARTIN'S LIFE ENDED... IN A CHEAP HOTEL ROOM ON WEST 39½ STREET, JUST AROUND THE CORNER FROM 9½ AVENUE, WHERE HIS BRIEF, VIOLENT LIFE OF CRIME HAD BEGUN!".
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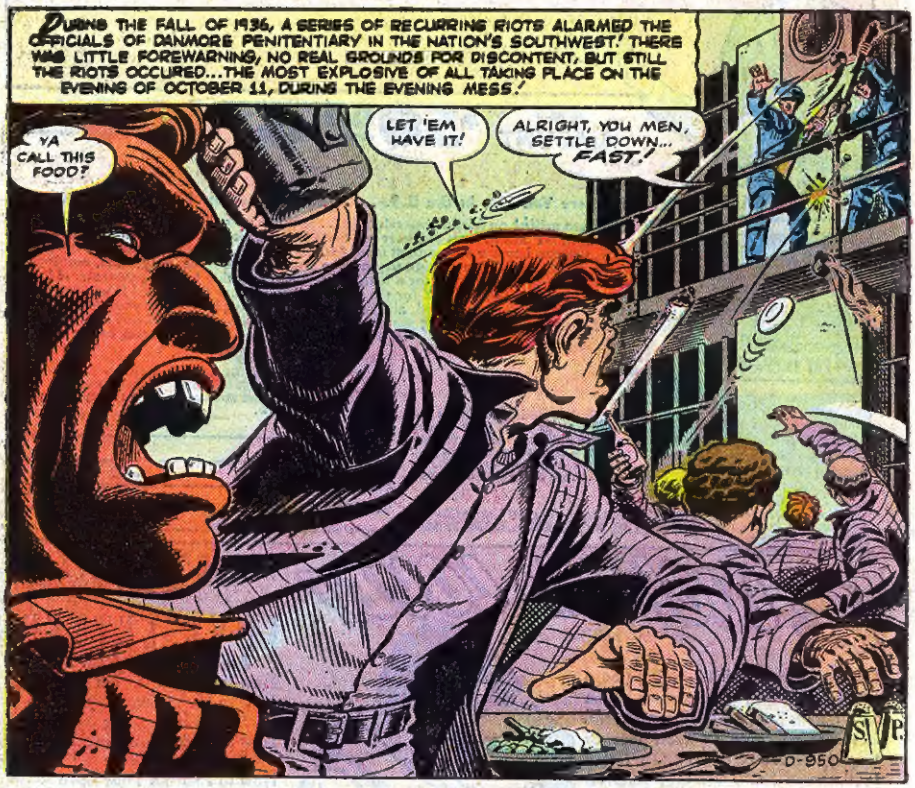
DURING THE FALL OF 1936, A SERIES OF RECURRING RIOTS ALARMED THE OFFICIALS OF DANMORE PENITENTIARY IN THE NATION'S SOUTHWEST! THERE WAS LITTLE FOREWARNING, NO REAL GROUNDS FOR DISCONTENT, BUT STILL THE RIOTS OCCURED...THE MOST EXPLOSIVE OF ALL TAKING PLACE ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 11, DURING THE EVENING MESS!
YA CALL THIS FOOD?
LET 'EM HAVE IT!
ALRIGHT, YOU MEN, SETTLE DOWN... FAST!
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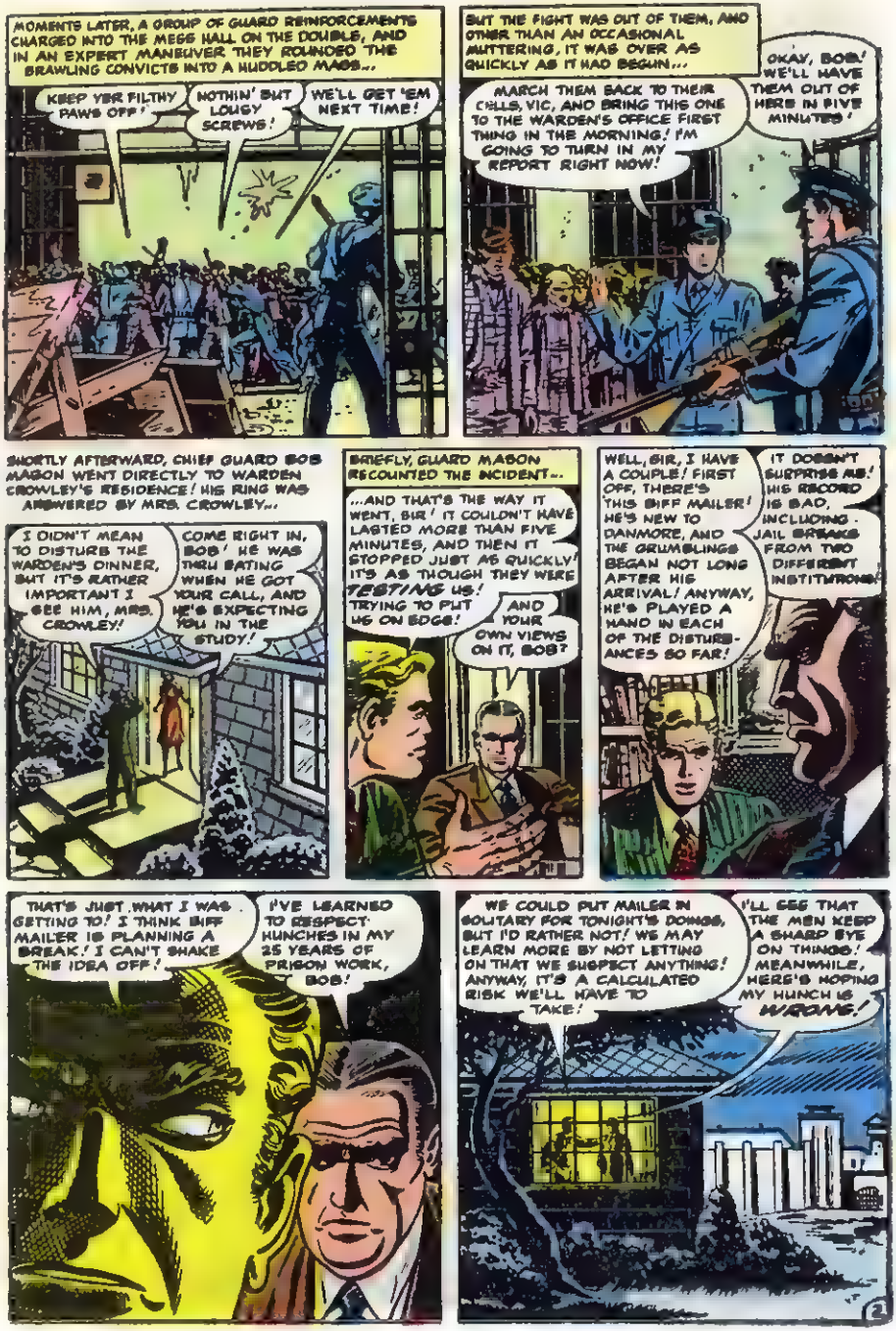
MOMENTS LATER, A GROUP OF GUARD REINFORCEMENTS CHARGED INTO THE MESS HALL ON THE DOUBLE, AND IN AN EXPERT MANEUVER THEY ROUNDED THE BRAWLING CONVICTS INTO A HUDDLED MASS...
KEEP YER FILTHY PAWS OFF!
NOTHIN' BUT LOUSY SCREWS!
WE'LL GET 'EM NEXT TIME!
BUT THE FIGHT WAS OUT OF THEM, AND OTHER THAN AN OCCASIONAL MUTTERING, IT WAS OVER AS QUICKLY AS IT HAD BEGUN...
MARCH THEM BACK TO THEIR CELLS, VIC, AND BRING THIS ONE TO THE WARDEN'S OFFICE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING! I'M GOING TO TURN IN MY REPORT RIGHT NOW!
OKAY, BOB! WE'LL HAVE THEM OUT OF HERE IN FIVE MINUTES!
SHORTLY AFTERWARD, CHIEF GUARD BOB MASON WENT DIRECTLY TO WARDEN CROWLEY'S RESIDENCE! HIS RING WAS ANSWERED BY MRS. CROWLEY...
I DIDN'T MEAN TO DISTURB THE WARDEN'S DINNER, BUT IT'S RATHER IMPORTANT I SEE HIM, MRS. CROWLEY!
COME RIGHT IN, BOB! HE WAS THRU EATING WHEN HE GOT YOUR CALL, AND HE'S EXPECTING YOU IN THE STUDY!
BRIEFLY, GUARD MASON RECOUNTED THE INCIDENT...
...AND THAT'S THE WAY IT WENT, SIR! IT COULDN'T HAVE LASTED MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES, AND THEN IT STOPPED JUST AS QUICKLY! IT'S AS THOUGH THEY WERE TESTING US! TRYING TO PUT US ON EDGE!
AND YOUR OWN VIEWS ON IT, BOB?
WELL, SIR, I HAVE A COUPLE! FIRST OFF, THERE'S THIS BIFF MAILER! HE'S NEW TO DANMORE, AND THE GRUMBLINGS BEGAN NOT LONG AFTER HIS ARRIVAL! ANYWAY, HE'S PLAYED A HAND IN EACH OF THE DISTURBANCES SO FAR!
IT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME! HIS RECORD IS BAD, INCLUDING JAIL BREAKS FROM TWO DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS!
THAT'S JUST WHAT I WAS GETTING TO! I THINK BIFF MAILER IS PLANNING A BREAK! I CAN'T SHAKE THE IDEA OFF!
I'VE LEARNED TO RESPECT HUNCHES IN MY 25 YEARS OF PRISON WORK, BOB!
WE COULD PUT MAILER IN SOLITARY FOR TONIGHT'S DOINGS, BUT I'D RATHER NOT! WE MAY LEARN MORE BY NOT LETTING ON THAT WE SUSPECT ANYTHING! ANYWAY, IT'S A CALCULATED RISK WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE!
I'LL SEE THAT THE MEN KEEP A SHARP EYE ON THINGS! MEANWHILE, HERE'S HOPING MY HUNCH IS WRONG!
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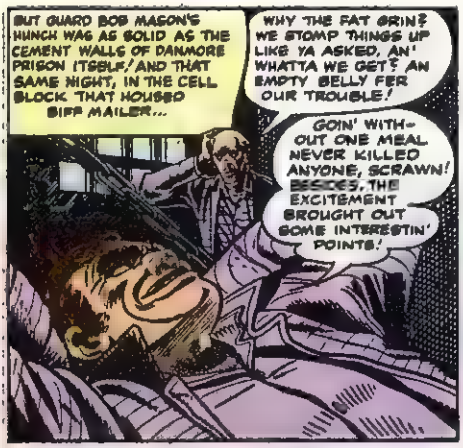
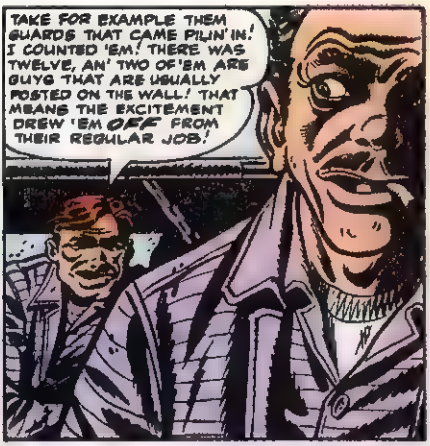
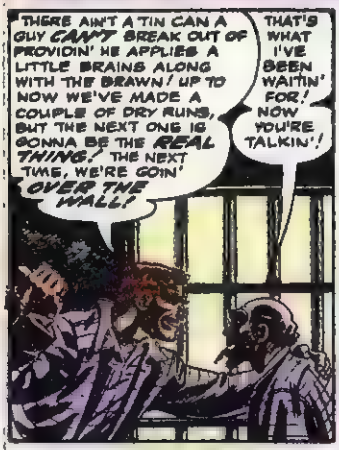
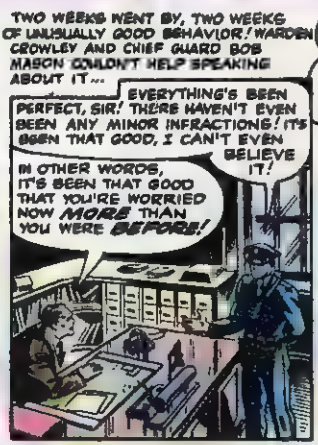

BUT GUARD BOB MASON'S HUNCH WAS AS SOLID AS THE CEMENT WALLS OF DANMORE PRISON ITSELF! AND THAT SAME NIGHT, IN THE CELL BLOCK THAT HOUSED BIFF MAILER...
WHY THE FAT GRIN? WE STOMP THINGS UP LIKE YA ASKED, AN' WHATTA WE GET? AN EMPTY BELLY FER OUR TROUBLE!
GOIN' WITHOUT ONE MEAL NEVER KILLED ANYONE, SCRAWN! BESIDES, THE EXCITEMENT BROUGHT OUT SOME INTERESTIN' POINTS!

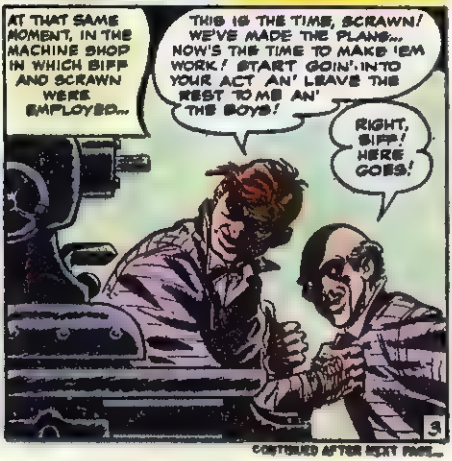

TAKE FOR EXAMPLE THEM GUARDS THAT CAME PILIN' IN! I COUNTED 'EM! THERE WAS TWELVE, AN' TWO OF 'EM ARE GUYS THAT ARE USUALLY POSTED ON THE WALL! THAT MEANS THE EXCITEMENT DREW 'EM OFF FROM THEIR REGULAR JOB!


THERE AIN'T A TIN CAN A GUY CAN'T BREAK OUT OF PROVIDIN' HE APPLIES A LITTLE BRAINS ALONG WITH THE BRAWN! UP TO NOW WE'VE MADE A COUPLE OF DRY RUNS, BUT THE NEXT ONE IS GONNA BE THE REAL THING! THE NEXT TIME, WE'RE GOIN' OVER THE WALL!
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITIN' FOR! NOW YOU'RE TALKIN'!


TWO WEEKS WENT BY, TWO WEEKS OF UNUSUALLY GOOD BEHAVIOR! WARDEN CROWLEY AND CHIEF GUARD BOB MASON COULDN'T HELP SPEAKING ABOUT IT...
EVERYTHING'S BEEN PERFECT, SIR! THERE HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ANY MINOR INFRACTIONS! IT'S BEEN THAT GOOD, I CAN'T EVEN BELIEVE IT!
IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S BEEN THAT GOOD THAT YOU'RE WORRIED NOW MORE THAN YOU WERE BEFORE!

IT'S A KIND OF CALM BEFORE THE STORM! MY MEN HAVE BEEN WATCHING THINGS ESPECIALLY CLOSE, BUT THERE'S NOTHING SUSPICIOUS! I'VE BEEN WATCHING TOO! HAVEN'T FOUND A THING!
THAT'S ABOUT ALL WE CAN DO, BOB... KEEP WATCHING!

THAT'S THE ONE ADVANTAGE THE CRIMINAL MIND HAS OVER THE LAW OFFICER... THE ADVANTAGE OF SURPRISE! IN BREAKING THE LAW HE MOVES FIRST! OUR MOVE ALWAYS HAS TO COME LATER!
THAT MEANS CONSTANT PREPARATION ON OUR PART! I'M GOING UPSTAIRS AND CHECK THE TOWER!


AT THAT SAME MOMENT, IN THE MACHINE SHOP IN WHICH BIFF AND SCRAWN WERE EMPLOYED...
THIS IS THE TIME, SCRAWN! WE'VE MADE THE PLANS... NOW'S THE TIME TO MAKE 'EM WORK! START GOIN' INTO YOUR ACT AN' LEAVE THE REST TO ME AN' THE BOYS!
RIGHT, BIFF! HERE GOES!
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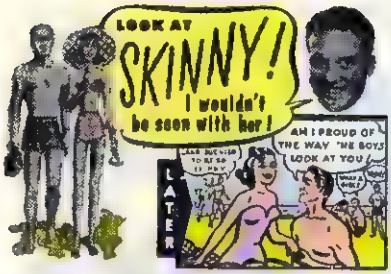

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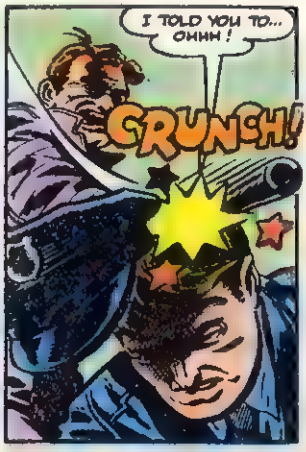
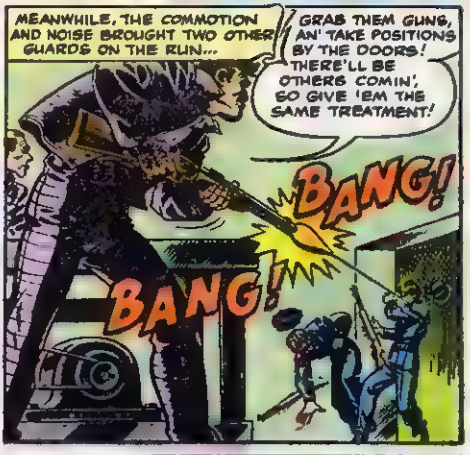
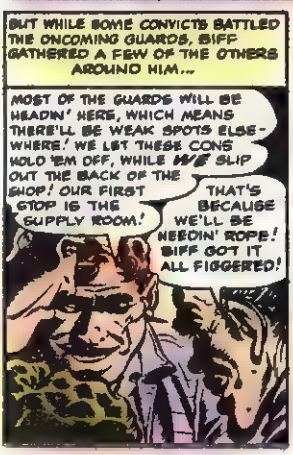


SNATCHING UP THE UNCONSCIOUS GUARD'S RIFLE, BIFF SPURRED THE STARTLED CONVICTS INTO ACTION...

MEANWHILE, THE COMMOTION AND NOISE BROUGHT TWO OTHER GUARDS ON THE RUN...



BUT WHILE SOME CONVICTS BATTLED THE ONCOMING GUARDS, BIFF GATHERED A FEW OF THE OTHERS AROUND HIM...


MOST OF THE GUARDS WILL BE HEADIN' HERE, WHICH MEANS THERE'LL BE WEAK SPOTS ELSEWHERE! WE LET THESE CONS HOLD 'EM OFF, WHILE WE SLIP OUT THE BACK OF THE SHOP! OUR FIRST STOP IS THE SUPPLY ROOM!
THAT'S BECAUSE WE'LL BE NEEDIN' ROPE! BIFF GOT IT ALL FIGGERED!

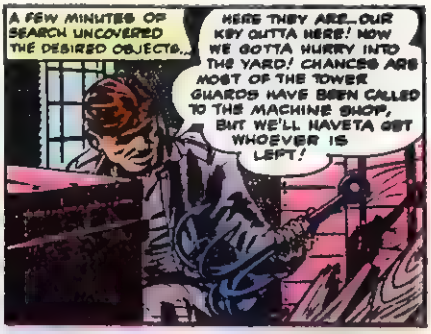
THE SUPPLY ROOM WAS LOOKED AFTER BY A TRUSTEE BY THE NAME OF WILFRED COXE! HE WAS A MILD-MANNERED MAN SERVING A CHARGE ON FORGERY, AND NEVER GIVEN TO VIOLENCE...

WE'RE GETTIN' OUT, COXE! GET US SOME ROPE AN' A FEW OTHER THINGS, AND MAYBE WE'LL TAKE YOU ALONG!
N-NO! I DON'T WANNA GET MIXED UP IN ANY BREAK! L-LEAVE ME OUT OF IT!

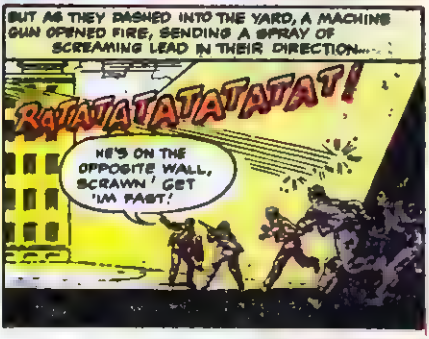
IN A MATTER OF MOMENTS, SCRAWN FOUND A HEAVY COIL OF ROPE, BUT BIFF WASN'T THROUGH...

THERE'S SOMETHIN' ELSE.' THE LAST TIME I WAS IN HERE, I SEEN SOME GRAPPLIN' IRONS. I THINK THE GUARDS USE 'EM TO PRACTICE WALL SCALIN'! WE'RE GONNA NEED 'EM TO GET OVER THE WALL!

A FEW MINUTES OF SEARCH UNCOVERED THE DESIRED OBJECTS...

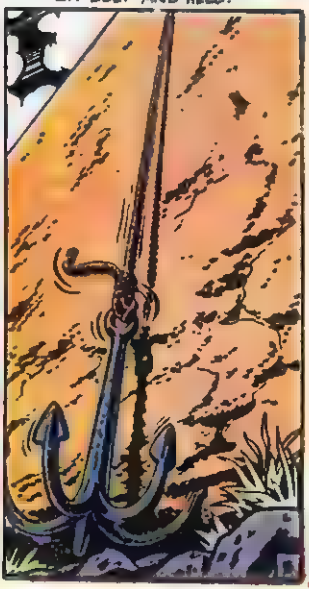

HERE THEY ARE...OUR KEY OUTTA HERE! NOW WE GOTTA HURRY INTO THE YARD! CHANCES ARE MOST OF THE TOWER GUARDS HAVE BEEN CALLED TO THE MACHINE SHOP, BUT WE'LL HAVETA GET WHOEVER IS LEFT!

BUT AS THEY DASHED INTO THE YARD, A MACHINE GUN OPENED FIRE, SENDING A SPRAY OF SCREAMING LEAD IN THEIR DIRECTION...



BIFF'S FIRST THROW FELL SHORT, BUT THE SECOND SAW THE GRAPNEL CLEARING THE TOP OF THE WALL...

AND WHEN BIFF TUGGED AT THE OPPOSITE END, THE IRON PRONGS BIT DEEP AND HELD!



BIFF WAS THE FIRST TO GO UP, THE OTHERS WAITING THEIR TURN...
ONE AT A TIME NOW! THIS ROPE CAN TAKE ONLY SO MUCH STRAIN!
OKAY, BUT SNAP IT UP! THEM GUARDS MAY COME POURIN' OUT ANY MINUTE!
BUT AT THIS POINT, CHIEF GUARD BOB MASON, WHO HAD BEEN CHECKING THE TOWERS, NOW SPOTTED THE CONVICTS, AND RACED OUT ALONG THE WALL...
LOOK OUT, BIFF! IT'S A GUARD!
BANG!
DESPITE THE STABBING PAIN OF HIS WOUND AND THE LOSS OF BLOOD, GUARD BOB MASON PULLED HIMSELF ALONG THE WALL! HIS POSITION PUT HIM OUT OF GUN RANGE, AND IN HIS OUTSTRETCHED HAND WAS HIS OPEN POCKET KNIFE...
GOT TO GET...TO THAT ROPE! ONLY NEEDS A FEW SWIPES OF THE BLADE... WEIGHT WILL DO THE REST!
ONLY A LITTLE MORE... JUST A LITTLE...
THEN THE ROPE GAVE.
AIIIIII!!
BIFF MAILER PLUNGED TO HIS DEATH, AND A MOMENT LATER THE YARD WAS SWARMING WITH GUARDS...
GET THOSE HANDS UP! DON'T MAKE A MOVE! FREEZE!
W-WE WON'T! IT WAS ALL MAILER'S DOIN'! D-DON'T SHOOT!
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"MY next witness is Mary Collins," the District Attorney announced, and Miss Collins took the stand.

"Miss Collins, where are you employed?" he asked.

"As cashier at the Bijou Theatre."

"Do you recognize the accused, John Conrad?"

"Yes," answered Miss Collins and pointed him out.

"Did Conrad attend the theatre the night of the murder?"

"No."

"Are you sure?"

"Positive."

The next witness called in the trial of John Conrad for the murder of Franklin Mason was Isobel Harkness, a waitress in the lunchroom down the street from the scene of the crime.

"Miss Harkness, were you working the night of June 30?"

"Yes, I was."

"Tell the Court what happened."

"Through the window I saw Conrad slink by, and he was going in the direction of the murder. Then I heard shots and saw Conrad run back the other way."

The following witnesses, Mr. and Mrs. Johanson, testified that they were out for a walk, had seen the murder, and that a man had almost run into them in his escape. They were positive that John Conrad, sitting in the courtroom, was the same man.

The District Attorney read to the court the confession of John Conrad, signed after his arrest, in which he admitted his complete and sole guilt in the murder. The District Attorney then asked that there be a recess for two days. Strangely enough his request was granted.

Back in his office, the District Attorney confided to his staff that it was an open and shut case. All the evidence pointed to Conrad, and there was his signed confession. Nevertheless, he admitted, because of the utter lack of any apparent motive for the murder and as Conrad was not insane, that he was not convinced of Conrad's guilt.

"Maybe these witnesses are wrong, although it would make me look very foolish to admit that now, after they were so positive in their identification. Perhaps Conrad signed that confession under pressure from the police or as a result of a complete hysterical breakdown after his sudden arrest.

"Anyway, here's what I want you to do during this two-day recess. Follow this plan, and at least we'll convince ourselves that Conrad is guilty . . . if he is guilty."

Two days later, court was resumed, and the District Attorney called Miss Collins back to the stand.

"Miss Collins, did you ever see that man standing there?" he asked, pointing at a stranger in the courtroom.

"No."

"Witness dismissed."

The next witness was Isobel Harkness.

"Miss Harkness, do you know that man in the gray suit?"

Miss Harkness identified him as the policeman on the beat near her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Johanson stated that they had never before seen the man who was pointed out to them.

The District Attorney asked permission to address the Court. He hesitated a moment and then started one of the most unusual addresses in the history of criminal law.

"Miss Mary Collins has claimed to recognize John Conrad and has positively and definitely stated that he did *not* attend the Bijou Theatre on the night of the murder, as he has claimed in his defense. Miss Collins was first questioned in my office three weeks after the murder. She stated that, nevertheless, she could remember faces so well that she was certain she had never seen Conrad before. But the man whom she has just failed to identify, Your Honor, attended the Bijou Theatre last night *and* the night before, and purchased his tickets from Miss Collins. And yet, she does not remember *his* face.

"Miss Harkness, the waitress, was equally positive that the accused had walked stealthily past her restaurant immediately before the shooting and ran away immediately after it. She is quite certain that the man she saw was Conrad, and no other.

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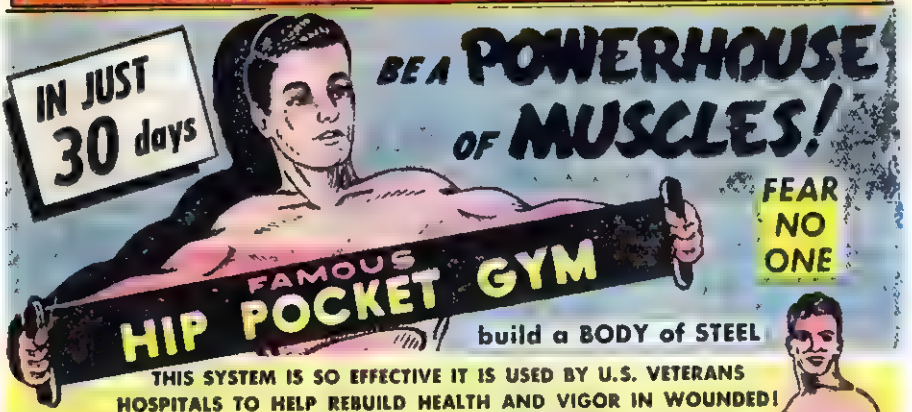

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He should look familiar to Miss Harkness, however. He ate ham and eggs in her restaurant last night, talked to Miss Harkness while she waited on him, joked with her momentarily, and tipped her twenty cents. When he went out, he waved to her from the street and found the window so fogged-up from the heat of the stove, that even though Miss Harkness was facing in his direction, she did *not* see him waving, let alone recognize indisputably his facial characteristics.

"And, Your Honor, Mr. and Mrs. Johanson claimed that on the night of the murder Conrad ran so close to them that he almost knocked them over. I do not doubt that the murderer did just that, but I do doubt that they could recognize him again from just this brief encounter. As evidence, I wish to point out that the man they were just now unable to identify ran into them last night and almost bowled them over. He did it right in front of the Bijou Theatre, where the lights are considerably brighter than on the corner where they encountered the murderer.

"And yet, they could not identify him today here in this courtroom. In addition, let me enter as evidence the fact that a few months ago, both Mr. and Mrs. Johanson were denied driving licenses because of defective eyesight. Yet these are the people whose power to recognize a man on a dark night we are supposed to consider as reason to convict him of murder."

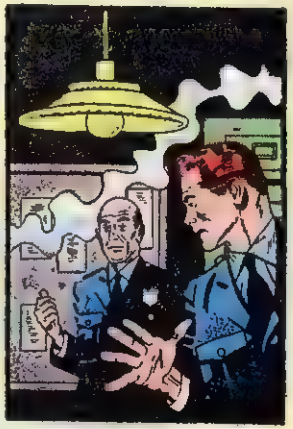
The courtroom was stunned as the District Attorney continued:

"I suggest, Your Honor, that the testimony of Miss Collins, Miss Harkness, and Mr. and Mrs. Johanson be stricken from the record, as completely incompetent."

The judge rose to his feet.

"Do you realize," he asked, "that your entire case is in jeopardy? You are behaving as if you were the lawyer for the defense, not the District Attorney."

"I realize that, Your Honor,



and my next request is that the defendant be released with absolute acquittal. There is no evidence against him. I pledge that my office will do its utmost to apprehend the real murderer, after the release of John Conrad."

"Mr. District Attorney, do you not consider it your duty to prosecute, rather than to defend?"

"Your Honor, I consider it equally my duty to prosecute the guilty and protect the innocent. When I believed that Conrad was guilty, I prosecuted him to the extent of my ability. Now that I find the evidence a result of mass hysteria and disregard of justice, I shall protect Conrad."

"Case dismissed, and congratulations, Mr. District Attorney."

In accordance with his promise to renew the search for the real murderer, the District Attorney mobilized his full staff. He started a thorough investigation of the victim's personal and business affairs and came across a photograph of a former partner of the murdered man, an Alvin Kennedy, who bore a close resemblance to John Conrad.

A perusal of the books and records of the former partnership disclosed a large debt that Kennedy owed to Franklin Mason. It seemed to the District Attorney that Kennedy might have wanted his former partner out of the way if he still owed him this money.

And reference to the local banks disclosed that the debt had never been repaid.

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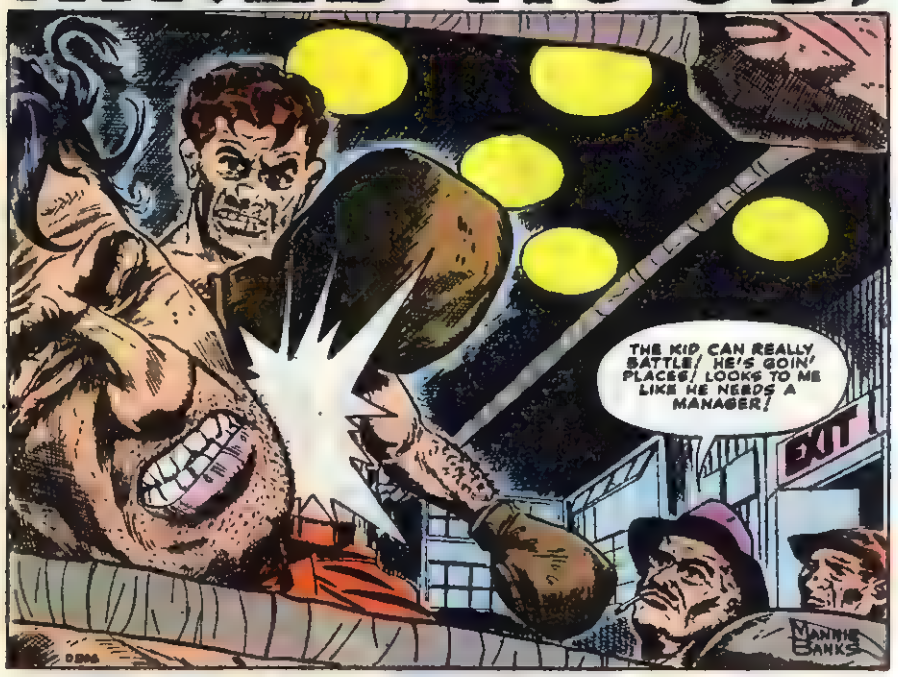

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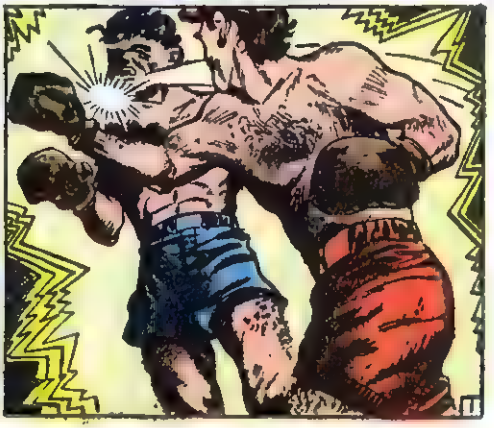

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DAILY
I'M SUPPOSED TO LOSE THIS ONE! RIGHT, BOSS?
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BOO!
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I HEAR THE SPORTS REPORTERS SAYIN' YA'LL BE BARRED FROM THE RING! BUT YA'LL STILL BE WORKIN' FOR ME, KID, WITH YOUR FISTS! YA GONNA HELP ME BUILD UP THE NICK SHERMAN TRUCKING CO.!
AND SO, KID LAWSON BECAME A HIRED HOOD TO AN UNDERWORLD SPOILER! THERE WAS ONE MAN IN A BLUE UNIFORM WHO HAD FOLLOWED THE KID'S BOXING CAREER WITH INTEREST, AND HE WAS SHOCKED BY THE HEADLINES...
TOO BAD! HE HAD WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A CHAMPION!
DAILY HERALD
KID LAWSON
BARRED FR
RING! SUSP
OF TAKING
BRIBE!
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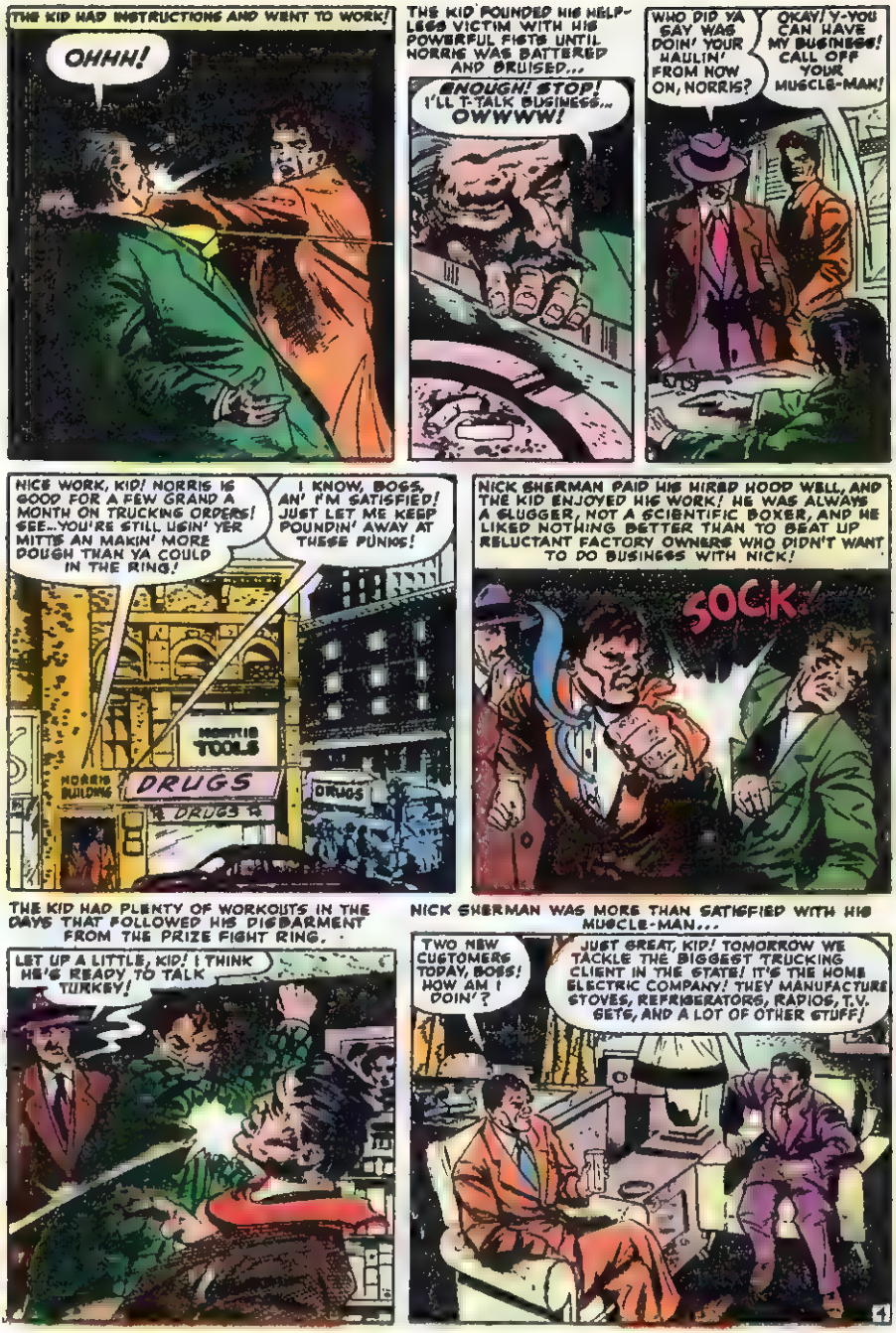
HELLO, JIM! ANOTHER SESSION WITH THE GLOVES?
YEAH, TOM! THOUGHT I'D LIMBER UP A BIT BEFORE GOING HOME FOR THE DAY!
OFFICER JIM TREMONT HAD LEARNED "THE ART OF FISTICUFFS" WHILE HE WAS STILL IN HIS TEENS. IT BOTHERED HIM THAT A PROMISING FIGHTER LIKE KID LAWSON SHOULD DISHONOR THE BOXING PROFESSION BY SHADY DEALINGS WITH THE UNDERWORLD!
AT IT AGAIN, EH, JIM? HOW COME YOU NEVER TOOK UP BOXING PROFESSIONALLY?
GUESS I PREFERRED TO DODGE A HOODLUM'S BULLETS THAN LEFT HOOKS AND RIGHT UPPERCUTS IN A FIGHT RING!
EXIT
SO LONG, BOYS! SEE YOU ON THE LATE SHIFT TOMORROW NIGHT!
OKAY, JIM! AND DON'T FORGET... KEEP YOUR GUARD UP AT ALL TIMES! HA! HA!
SO, WHILE A POLICE OFFICER WHO COULD HAVE BEEN A BOXER WENT OFF DUTY FOR THE DAY, ANOTHER YOUNG MAN WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN A CHAMPION WENT TO WORK AS A HIRED HOOD...
YEP, KID... MY TRUCKING COMPANY'S GONNA EXPAND, AND WE'RE STARTIN' IN BY MAKIN' THIS GUY NORRIS OUR NEW CLIENT! HE MANUFACTURES AND SHIPS PLENTY OF TOOLS EVERY YEAR!
HELLO, NORRIS! WHO'S DOING YOUR HAULING?
THE STAR TRUCKERS HAVE BEEN SHIPPING MY PRODUCTS AROUND THE COUNTRY FOR YEARS! WHY? WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
I'M YOUR NEW TRUCKER! THE NICK SHERMAN TRUCKING COMPANY IS CARRYIN' YOUR LOADS FROM NOW ON!
WHAT! YOU CAN'T SHAKE ME DOWN, YOU CHEAP CROOK! GET OUT!


THE KID HAD INSTRUCTIONS AND WENT TO WORK!
OHHH!
THE KID POUNDED HIS HELPLESS VICTIM WITH HIS POWERFUL FISTS UNTIL NORRIS WAS BATTERED AND BRUISED...
ENOUGH! STOP! I'LL T-TALK BUSINESS... OWWWW!
WHO DID YA SAY WAS DOIN' YOUR HAULIN' FROM NOW ON, NORRIS?
OKAY! Y-YOU CAN HAVE MY BUSINESS! CALL OFF YOUR MUSCLE-MAN!
NICE WORK, KID! NORRIS IS GOOD FOR A FEW GRAND A MONTH ON TRUCKING ORDERS! SEE...YOU'RE STILL USIN' YER MITTS AN MAKIN' MORE DOUGH THAN YA COULD IN THE RING!
I KNOW, BOSS, AN' I'M SATISFIED! JUST LET ME KEEP POUNDIN' AWAY AT THESE PUNKS!
NORRIS TOOLS
NORRIS BUILDING
DRUGS
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DRUGS
NICK SHERMAN PAID HIS HIRED HOOD WELL, AND THE KID ENJOYED HIS WORK! HE WAS ALWAYS A SLUGGER, NOT A SCIENTIFIC BOXER, AND HE LIKED NOTHING BETTER THAN TO BEAT UP RELUCTANT FACTORY OWNERS WHO DIDN'T WANT TO DO BUSINESS WITH NICK!
SOCK!
THE KID HAD PLENTY OF WORKOUTS IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED HIS DISBARMENT FROM THE PRIZE FIGHT RING.
LET UP A LITTLE, KID! I THINK HE'S READY TO TALK TURKEY!
NICK SHERMAN WAS MORE THAN SATISFIED WITH HIS MUSCLE-MAN...
TWO NEW CUSTOMERS TODAY, BOSS! HOW AM I DOIN'?
JUST GREAT, KID! TOMORROW WE TACKLE THE BIGGEST TRUCKING CLIENT IN THE STATE! IT'S THE HOME ELECTRIC COMPANY! THEY MANUFACTURE STOVES, REFRIGERATORS, RADIOS, T.V. SETS, AND A LOT OF OTHER STUFF!

SO, THE NEXT DAY, NICK AND HIS BRUTAL MUSCLE-MAN PAID A VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOME ELECTRIC COMPANY...
...AND FROM NOW ON YOU'RE DOING BUSINESS WITH ME...EXCLUSIVELY!
WHY, YOU DIRTY RACKETEER! OUT OF MY OFFICE BEFORE I HAVE YOU THROWN OUT!
NOW IS THAT THE WAY TO TALK TO MR. SHERMAN?
OWW!
OH!
MAYBE THIS'LL TEACH YA SOME MANNERS!
I'LL BE BACK LATER, CRANDALL! YA GOT JUST ONE HOUR TO THINK IT OVER! AN' IF IT'S STILL NO, YA BETTER BE SURE YOUR INSURANCE IS PAID UP!
BUT OLIVER CRANDALL WAS NOT A MAN EASILY INTIMIDATED...HE STAGGERED TO THE PHONE ON HIS DESK, AND...
HELLO.. POLICE? S-SEND SOMEONE TO HOME ELECTRIC RIGHT AWAY! SOME TROUBLE!
IT WAS POLICE OFFICER JIM TREMONT WHO RESPONDED TO THE URGENT CALL...
THE HOODLUM MUST HAVE THE INSTINCTS OF A KILLER, MR. CRANDALL, JUDGING BY THE WAY YOU LOOK! HE SAID HE'D BE BACK IN AN HOUR, EH? GOOD? I'LL BE WAITING!
NICK SHERMAN HAD TOLD HIS MUSCLE-MAN TO RETURN TO CRANDALL'S OFFICE ALONE TO FINISH THE JOB... THERE WAS A SURPRISE IN STORE FOR THE KID... AND FOR THE POLICE OFFICER TOO...
THAT'S HIM, OFFICER! HE'S THE ONE WHO BEAT ME UP!
KID LAWSON! STILL USING YOUR FISTS, EH, KID?
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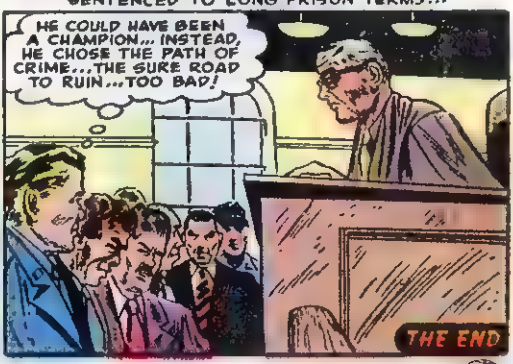
LEAVE THE GUN WHERE IT IS, KID! LET'S DO THIS ON A MAN-TO-MAN BASIS! YOU COULD BEAT UP A DEFENSELESS OLD MAN OKAY... NOW LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH SOMEONE YOUR OWN AGE AND SIZE!

OFFICER JIM TREMONT'S LOATHING FOR THIS BRUTE WAS PARTLY DUE TO THE KID'S TREATMENT OF THE OLD MAN... AND PARTLY TO HIS OWN ANGER AT KID LAWSON FOR BRINGING DISGRACE TO THE BOXING PROFESSION!

IT WAS OVER IN LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES... THE KID HAD LOST HIS LAST BIG MATCH!

I'LL TAKE HIM TO HEADQUARTERS, MR. CRANDALL, AND BOOK HIM! THEN WE'LL GO AFTER NICK SHERMAN, WHO TRIED TO FORCE YOU TO DO BUSINESS WITH HIM!

FACTORY OWNERS REGAINED THEIR COURAGE AND TESTIFIED AGAINST NICK SHERMAN AND HIS HIRED HOOD! NICK'S ENTIRE GANG WAS TRIED ON A CHARGE OF EXTORTION AND INTIMIDATION, HAVING FORCED THEIR VICTIMS TO PAY EXORBITANT 'SHIPPING RATES.' THEY WERE SENTENCED TO LONG PRISON TERMS...



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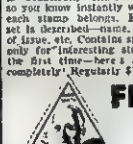

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BUT PREPARATION NEVER INCLUDES THE UNEXPECTED, AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED! AS THE TROOPERS CAME AROUND THE TURN, THEY RAN INTO A WITHERING HAIL OF GUNFIRE!

AND A MOMENT LATER, THE BLACK SEDAN DROVE OFF, LEAVING A SCENE OF CRUSHED FORMS AND TWISTED WRECKAGE BEHIND...

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, THE SONORA POLICE HAD RECEIVED THE REPORT OF THE SHOOTING! PRESENT AT THE TIME WAS INVESTIGATOR WILLIAM SPEARS OF THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT...
IT WAS CORKEL, ALL RIGHT! FORTUNATELY, TROOPERS KELLY AND DEEGAN WILL SURVIVE THEIR INJURIES! AND THEY GOT A GOOD LOOK AT THEIR ASSAILANT! THEY RECOGNIZED CORKEL FROM THE ROGUES' GALLERY FILE!
THAT MEANS HE'S HEADING SOUTH...PROBABLY FOR THE BORDER!
AND IN HIS POSSESSION IS A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS IN UNCUT GEMS, STOLEN FROM THE BRUSSELS IMPORTING COMPANY! THE GOVERNMENT WANTS THIS MAN, CAPTAIN... AND THEY WANT HIM BAD!
NO MORE THAN I WANT HIM, SPEARS! HE INJURED TWO FINE TROOPERS!
I'VE BEEN ON CORKEL'S TRAIL SINCE HE LEFT ST. LOUIS! I MISSED HIM BY THREE HOURS IN TULSA, AND BY A HALF-HOUR OUT OF FORT WORTH! IT'S BEEN A HOP AND A SKIP FOR OVER THREE WEEKS, AND SOMEHOW HE'S MANAGED TO KEEP A JUMP AHEAD!
MAYBE HE'LL EVEN GET TO MEXICO, BUT I'LL BE THERE, TOO! I DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS THING IS GOING TO END, BUT ONE DAY WE'RE GOING TO COME FACE TO FACE! HE'LL HAVE TO MAKE A STAND... AND I'LL BE READY!
MEANWHILE, THE FLEEING FUGITIVE MADE HIS WAY SOUTH BY SELDOM-USED ROADS, AND ON THE 8TH OF SEPTEMBER HE PUT IN AN APPEARANCE IN THE SMALL, BORDER TOWN OF EL CUERVO, MEXICO...
LOOK ALIVE, PEDRO! WHEN'S THE NEXT BUS LEAVING FOR MEXICO CITY?
THE NAME EEZ LOPEZ, SENOR... BUT YOU ARE ONE LUCKY FELLOW! THE BUS SHE LEAVE RIGHT AWAY IN REAR OF DEPOT!
OFICINA DE OMNIBUS
THAT AMERICANO... HE LOOK SO FAMILIAR! THE FACE, THE EYES, EVERYTHING ABOUT HEEM MAKES LOPEZ THEENK HE SEE HEEM BEFORE!
WANTED
CARRAMBA! IT EES HEEM! I MUST STOP THE BUS... CALL THE POLICE!
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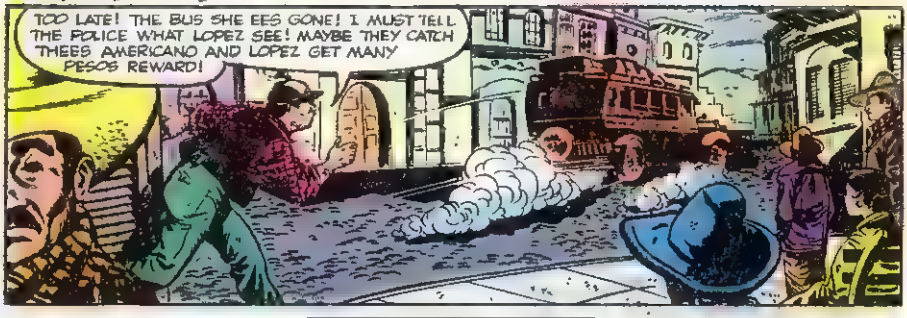
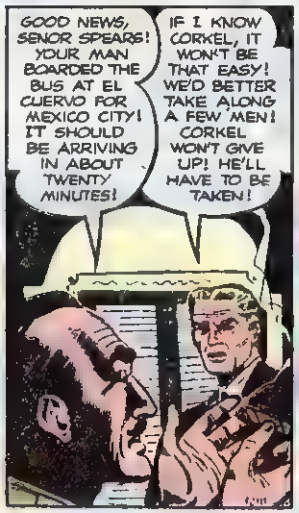
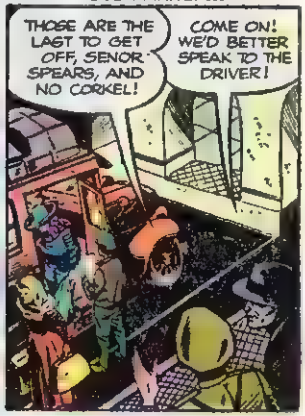

TOO LATE! THE BUS SHE EES GONE! I MUST TELL THE POLICE WHAT LOPEZ SEE! MAYBE THEY CATCH THEES AMERICANO AND LOPEZ GET MANY PESOS REWARD!

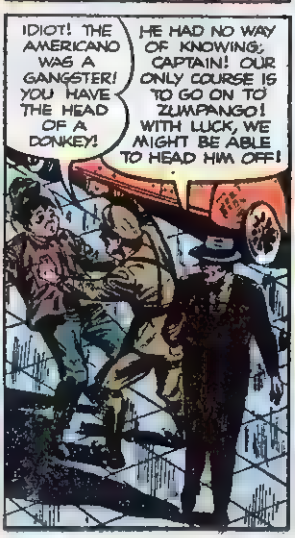
SO LOPEZ INFORMED THE POLICE, AND THE MESSAGE WAS RELAYED DOWN THE LINE! UNFORTUNATELY, TIME LAGS DEVELOPED DUE TO MEAGER WIRE SERVICE IN THE RURAL AREAS, AND IT WASN'T UNTIL SEVERAL HOURS LATER THAT MEXICO CITY POLICE WERE INFORMED...


GOOD NEWS, SENOR SPEARS! YOUR MAN BOARDED THE BUS AT EL CUERVO FOR MEXICO CITY! IT SHOULD BE ARRIVING IN ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES!
IF I KNOW CORKEL, IT WON'T BE THAT EASY! WE'D BETTER TAKE ALONG A FEW MEN! CORKEL WON'T GIVE UP! HE'LL HAVE TO BE TAKEN!

ACCORDINGLY, SPEARS AND THE MEXICAN OFFICIAL LEFT IMMEDIATELY FOR THE DEPOT, AND A CORDON OF POLICE WERE SPOTTED AT ALL EXITS WHEN THE BUS ARRIVED...

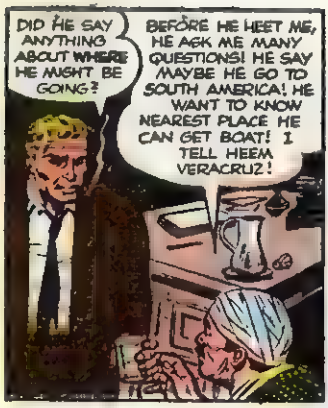


BUT WHEN THEY INTERROGATED THE DRIVER...
SI, I REMEMBER NOW! THE AMERICANO ONE FINE FELLOW! HE GIVE ME TEN PESOS EEF I LET HEEM OFF IN ZUMPANGO! TEN PESOS PRETTY GOOD TIP, EH?

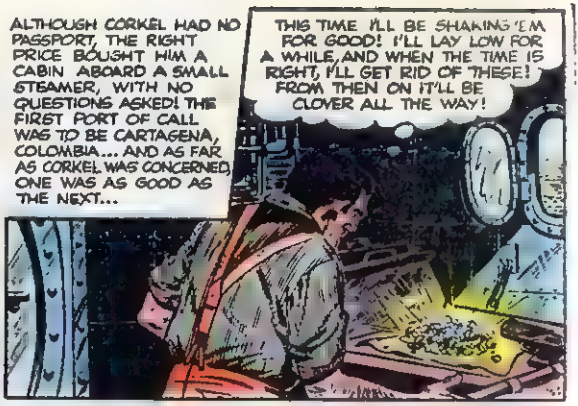

IDIOT! THE AMERICANO WAS A GANGSTER! YOU HAVE THE HEAD OF A DONKEY!
HE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING, CAPTAIN! OUR ONLY COURSE IS TO GO ON TO ZUMPANGO! WITH LUCK, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HEAD HIM OFF!

ARRIVING IN ZUMPANGO, SPEARS HAD LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN PICKING UP CORKEL'S TRAIL! AS USUAL, IT WAS A BLOODY ONE...

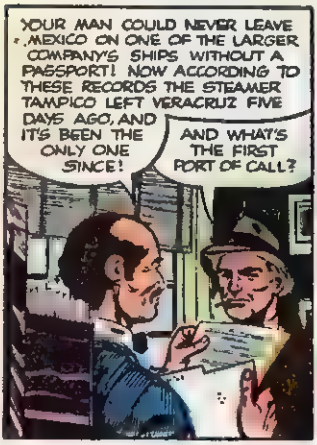
I ALWAYS GET ALONG WEETH AMERICANOS, BUT NOT THEES ONE! HE ASK FOR A LIFT, SO I INVITE HEEM INTO MY CAR! THEN, BOOM! HE HEET ME WITH PISTOLA... THROW ME OUT OF CAR AND DRIVE AWAY!


DID HE SAY ANYTHING ABOUT WHERE HE MIGHT BE GOING?
BEFORE HE HEET ME, HE ASK ME MANY QUESTIONS! HE SAY MAYBE HE GO TO SOUTH AMERICA! HE WANT TO KNOW NEAREST PLACE HE CAN GET BOAT! I TELL HEEM VERACRUZ!

ALTHOUGH CORKEL HAD NO PASSPORT, THE RIGHT PRICE BOUGHT HIM A CABIN ABOARD A SMALL STEAMER, WITH NO QUESTIONS ASKED! THE FIRST PORT OF CALL WAS TO BE CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA... AND AS FAR AS CORKEL WAS CONCERNED, ONE WAS AS GOOD AS THE NEXT...

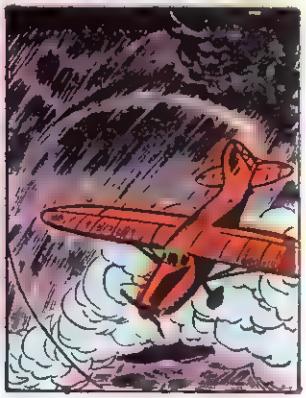

THIS TIME I'LL BE SHAKING 'EM FOR GOOD! I'LL LAY LOW FOR A WHILE, AND WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT, I'LL GET RID OF THESE! FROM THEN ON IT'LL BE CLOVER ALL THE WAY!

MEANWHILE, INVESTIGATOR SPEARS HAD PROCEEDED TO VERACRUZ, WHERE HE APPEALED TO THE MEXICAN SHIPPING COMMISSION...

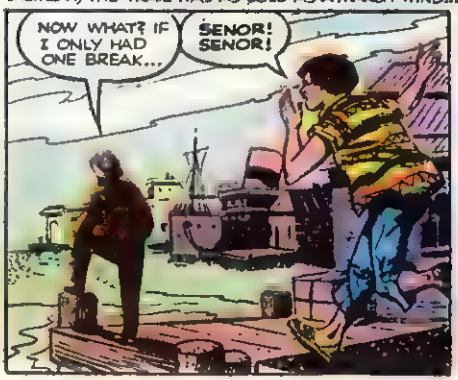

YOUR MAN COULD NEVER LEAVE MEXICO ON ONE OF THE LARGER COMPANY'S SHIPS WITHOUT A PASSPORT! NOW ACCORDING TO THESE RECORDS THE STEAMER TAMPICO LEFT VERACRUZ FIVE DAYS AGO, AND IT'S BEEN THE ONLY ONE SINCE!
AND WHAT'S THE FIRST PORT OF CALL?

CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA! SHALL I BOOK YOU PASSAGE ON A BOAT GOING OUT?
NO, I'LL BE TAKING A PLANE! I WANT TO MEET THE TAMPICO WHEN IT DOCKS!

BUT BAD LUCK DOGGEDLY FOLLOWED THE UNRELENTING INVESTIGATOR! TWO HOURS OUT OF VERACRUZ, THE PLANE WAS BUFFETED BY WINDS OF GALE VELOCITY, AND THE PLANE WAS FORCED TO TURN BACK...



AND WHEN HE FINALLY DID ARRIVE AT CARTAGENA, THE TAMPICO HAD DOCKED AND GONE! FOR THE MOMENT, THE TRAIL WAS AS COLD AS A MARCH WIND...



ME PONTES, SENOR! ME ARRANGE MANY TRIP INTO JUNGLE! YOU, HUNTER, MAYBE? PONTES GET MEN, GEAR, EVERYTHING! TWO DAYS AGO, I FEEX EVERYTHING FOR DIFFERENT AMERICANO! HE VERY PLEASED! PONTES GIVE VERY GOOD SERVICE!
YOU'RE HIRED, PONTES! I CAN USE YOUR SERVICE!

TWO DAYS LATER, ALONG A MOUNTAIN TRAIL, CORKEL AND HIS PARTY WERE SLOWED TO A SNAIL'S PACE BY A DRENCHING RAIN...
WE HAVEN'T MADE A MILE ALL MORNING! FOR THE LAST TIME, GET THIS THING MOVING!
I TRY, SENOR! RAIN VERY BAD!
NONE OF YER ALIBIS! I SAID GET THIS THING MOVING!
OHHH..
NO BEAT!
ALL RIGHT! THEN WE'LL TRY SOMETHIN' ELSE!
BUT SUDDENLY...
OWWW!
BANG!
THIS IS IT, CORKEL! IT TOOK TWO MONTHS AND FOUR THOUSAND MILES, BUT WE'VE COME FACE TO FACE AT LAST! IF IT WASN'T HERE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SOME PLACE ELSE! YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THERE COULD BE NO ESCAPE FOR YOU...NOR FOR ANYONE WHO BREAKS THE LAW!
IN THE NAME OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, I'M ARRESTING YOU FOR ROBBERY, ATTEMPTED MURDER AND ASSORTED CRIMES! YOU'LL HAVE YOUR DAY IN COURT, CORKEL... BUT IT'LL BE THE BLACKEST IN YOUR LIFE!
CORKEL WAS RETURNED TO THE STATES AND STOOD TRIAL FOR HIS CRIMES! A FEDERAL JURY FOUND HIM GUILTY AS CHARGED AND JAIL SENTENCES TOTALING FIFTY-SIX YEARS WERE PASSED UPON HIM! BRILLIANT POLICE ACTION ONCE AGAIN HAD PROVED ITS SUPERIORITY OVER THE CRIMINAL MIND!
THE END

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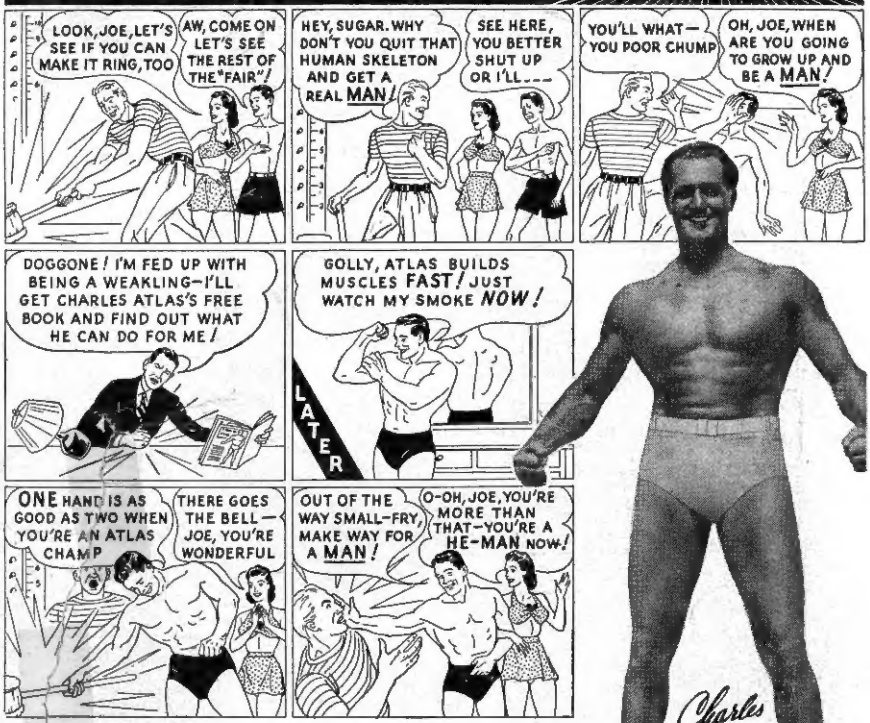
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AW, COME ON LET'S SEE THE REST OF THE "FAIR"!
HEY, SUGAR. WHY DON'T YOU QUIT THAT HUMAN SKELETON AND GET A REAL MAN!
SEE HERE, YOU BETTER SHUT UP OR I'LL---
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